



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 30, 2007

## **H.R. 236** **North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on November 15, 2007*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 236 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with state entities in California to carry out water reclamation and reuse projects in the North San Pablo Bay watershed. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 236 would cost \$25 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 236 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 236 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	10	15	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	8	12	5	0	0

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the beginning of calendar year 2008 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each year.

H.R. 236 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with local governments in California for the planning, design, and construction of phase I of a project to reclaim and reuse water in the North San Pablo Bay watershed in California. The project would be carried out in two phases, and the second phase would require a subsequent authorization from the Congress.

Under the legislation, the federal share of this phase of the project would be limited to 25 percent. In addition, federal funds would not be available for operating and maintaining the project once it is completed. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$25 million over the 2008-2012 period.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 236 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The state of California and certain county governments would benefit from the project authorized in this bill. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily.

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